

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Lt. Rick Coffman, (*U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team*)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

This record reflects that all members of the Council were present.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: Executive Session; Resolution for Parks & Recreation Month; Reset Hearing regarding the closing of Alexander Street for August 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** (*June 9, 2015, June 11, 2015 & June 18, 2015*)

- A. Minutes for June 9, 2015:

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- B. Minutes for June 11, 2015 (special meeting):

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- C. Minutes for June 18, 2015 (special meeting):

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Melvin Adams RE: Status of Burning House on 1st Avenue
2. Norma Jackson RE: Process of Burning Houses & Cleanup process; What would it take to declare the statue in the square an imminent domain
3. Satese Henderson RE: Voter Registration Drive, Saturday, June 27, 2015 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM
4. Suzanne Jackson RE: Parks & Recreation Fast-Pitch Softball Team assistance going to Tuscaloosa, AL
5. Lenora Goode RE: Daughters of Confederacy and asking them to moving the Statue from Square

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford*

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Trader Building. (Update)
- C. Quality of Life. (New Building)
- D. Ball Health Care (RE: Salem Nursing Home Building)
- E. Announcements:
 - Council Member Moon announced: District III Meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James Harper, Interim City Manager.

• **6:30 Public Hearing – Alcoholic Beverage License “Tiger Spirits Package Store”**

Motion was made by Council Member Lee to proceed with the Public Hearing on the application for an alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits Package Store. Mayor Ford seconded the motion. On question the following vote was recorded:

VOTING AYE

Mayor Johnny Ford
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

VOTING NAY

Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Georgette White Moon

Mayor Ford declared the motion passed to proceed with the public hearing on the application for the alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits Package Store.

6:30 PM Motion was made by Council Member Lee for Council to start the Public Hearing on the application for an alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits Package Store. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Citizens speaking in favor of Tiger Spirits Package Store:

1. Andrea Fumbee, Student at Tuskegee University

2. Banisha Manning, Student at Tuskegee University
3. Terea Burpo, Student at Tuskegee University
4. Marcus Walker, Owner, Tiger Spirits Package Store

Citizens speaking against Tiger Spirits Package Store:

1. Judith Baldwin
2. Leon Frazier, 2503 Brothers Drive, Tuskegee, Alabama

Citizens making statements, had questions and/or concerns about Tiger Spirits Package Store:

1. Lenora Goode agreed with Leon Frazier; also suggested CiCi's location to prevent congestion
2. Norma Jackson, 1305 Central Avenue, Tuskegee, Alabama; clarity on the procedure for voting and re-voting on an alcoholic beverage license

6:56 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end the Public Hearing on the application for an alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits Package Store. Council Member Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- A. Council Updates.
- B. Street Maintenance Activities.
- C. City Council Concerns.
- D. Financial Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to receive the financial report as presented. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted ye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Tiger Spirits Package Store. (*Alcoholic Beverage License*)

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to approve the application for an alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits Package Store. Council Member Lee seconded the motion. On question the following vote was recorded:

VOTING AYE

Mayor Johnny Ford
Council Member Ala Whitehead
Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

VOTING NAY

Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Georgette White Moon

Mayor Ford declared the motion to approve the application for an alcoholic beverage license for Tiger Spirits passed.

- F. Letter of Intent: New Housing Concepts, LLC

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to move forward on the letter of intent for New Housing Concepts, LLC for manufacturing site in the Tuskegee Commerce Park. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

G. Memorandum of Understanding: Tuskegee University & Senior Citizens Dept.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to authorize a resolution authorizing execution of the memorandum of understanding between Tuskegee University and Senior Citizens Dept. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

H. Head Start Report:

1. Executive Director's Report. (May 2015)
2. Enrollment and Attendance Report. (May 2015)
3. Monthly Summary of Meals and Snacks Provided through USDA. (May 2015)
4. Revenue & Expenditure Report including Credit Card Report. (May 2015)
5. Fiscal/ERSEA Federal Review Results.
6. FY16 Refunding Application.
7. Strategic Plan 2014-2018.
8. Management Systems and Procedures.
9. Self-Assessment Action Plan 2015-2016.
10. School Readiness Goals and Plan 2015-2016.
11. Parent, Family & Community Engagement (PFCE) Plan.
12. Training and Technical Assistance Plan 2015-2016.
13. Service Area Plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to receive the Head Start report as presented and authorize all of the recommendations made by the Director, Nannette Phillips. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

I. Announcements:

- Arthritis Foundation: Walk with Ease – Mon., Wed., & Thurs. 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Municipal Complex
- Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp (June 1st – July 24th)
- Innovative Readiness Initiative: Military providing Free medical Services, June 16th – 25th,
T.I.M.S., 1809 Franklin Road, Tuskegee, Alabama

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to adopt all of the resolution as described welcoming and recognizing individuals for the Organizational Summit Meeting of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) / Historic Black Towns and Settlements Alliance (HBTSA) listed below. Council Member Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- A. Resolution No. 2015-75. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Dr. Joseph Lowery, the President Emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
- B. Resolution No. 2015-76. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring the Honorable Kevin Johnson.
- C. Resolution No. 2015-77. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Dr. Norman Francis, the longest serving college president in the United States of America, retiring from the historic Xavier University in New Orleans on July 1, 2015.
- D. Resolution No. 2015-78. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Dr. Michael Lomax, whose family once lived in Tuskegee and has roots as well in Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama; and he is the President and

CEO of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and organization founded by former Tuskegee Institute President, Dr. Frederick Douglas Patterson.

- E. Resolution No. 2015-79. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Tom Davidson, the Founding President and CEO of EverFi, one of the fastest growing educational organizations in the Nation.
- F. Resolution No. 2015-80. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Dr. James Walls, Jr., Mayor of District Heights, Maryland and President of both the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Official (NBCLEO).
- G. Resolution No. 2015-81. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Ellis Alexander, President of the National Black Caucus of School Board Members, Caucus of the National Association of School Boards, representing the thousands of Black School Board Members across the country who served as the voice of Black Public School Boards of Educational policy makers.
- H. Resolution No. 2015-82. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Dr. Tom Joyner, President of the Tom Joyner Foundation, a native of Tuskegee and has helped to raise millions of dollars to support HBCUs through his radio programs.
- I. Resolution No. 2015-83. A Resolution Welcoming and Honoring Attorney Fred Gray, Past President of the National Bar Association, a graduate of a Historically Black College; and will bring support to this historic meeting on behalf of the Black Lawyers and Judges of America.
- J. Resolution No. 2015-84. A Resolution expressing our sympathy for the families of those killed in Charleston.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the Resolution No. 2015-84 as stated expressing our sympathy for the families of those killed in Charleston. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- K. Resolution No. 2015-85. A Resolution expressing our appreciation to Rev. Bill Winston for his investments in the City and to welcome him back to Tuskegee for his religious programs scheduled for June 27, 2015 at the Kellogg Center.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the Resolution No. 2015-85 as stated expressing our appreciation to Rev. Bill Winston for his investments in the City and to welcome him back to Tuskegee for his religious programs scheduled for June 27, 2015 at the Kellogg Center. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- L. Resolution No. 2015-86. A Resolution thanking the Military for its "Free Medical Program" and inviting them to come back next year.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the Resolution No. 2015-86 as thanking the Military for its "Free Medical Program" and inviting them to come back next year. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-86

A Resolution from the Governing Body of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama Expressing Thanks to the U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team

WHEREAS, as the City of Tuskegee has vested an interest in the health care of this City; and

WHEREAS, in support of this effort, the United States Government has brought its support including man

power and significant resources to the City of Tuskegee from members of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team came to the City of Tuskegee and provided substantial medical services at no cost to the citizens or to the City of Tuskegee from June 16, 2015 and through June 25, 2015 at the Tuskegee Institute Middle School (T.I.M.S.), with services including but not limited to Medical Screening and Non-Emergency Medical Treatment; Sports Physicals; Dental Exams, extractions and fillings; and Optometry Exams and Free Glasses (single vision, one pair); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team examined over 2,302 citizens, age 2 and older; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tuskegee is profoundly grateful and would love to see the U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team comes back at their earliest opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct;
2. That the City of Tuskegee and its citizens at this time wish to Thank and Salute the United States Government and the U.S. Military Innovative Readiness Team for their services and for caring about us; and
3. That an authenticated copy of this resolution be delivered to Lt. Rick Coffman and or to the other appropriate officials.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama the 23rd day of June, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk

M. Resolution No. 2015-87. A Resolution recognizing July as National Parks & Recreation Month

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the Resolution No. 2015-87 as stated recognizing July as National Parks and Recreation Month . Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-87

Designation of July as Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Tuskegee; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of business, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U. S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the City of Tuskegee, Alabama recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Mayor Johnny Ford on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

N. Resolution No. 2015-88. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Jessie Crawford, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the Resolution No. 2015-88 as stated celebrating and remembering the life of Jessie Crawford, deceased. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that the last two to four weeks have been very busy from the legal standpoint. He stated that he met with the immediate past City Manager and the Interim City Manager and reviewed a.) all pending legal concerns, b.) the process for billing of claims, c.) the process of handling lawsuits and d.) the invoice process during this transition process. Secondly, Atty. Gray stated that he's been in communication with the various department heads, in particular: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Building Inspector and Human Resources and of course with the City Manager; and consulting with various City Employees that will be testifying in lawsuits that are pending. He also stated that on a daily basis he stays in contact with the Interim City Manager and other department heads. He stated that he met briefly with the Municipal Court judge with respect to the streamline of the dilapidated buildings. As well, he stated that there are depositions set for this week in a couple cases; and should Council have questions and or any concerns they should please call him and he will certainly provide answers. Lastly, Atty. Gray stated that he has the confidential report for Council on the pending cases of the City.

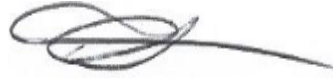
14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

7:56 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to enter the executive session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:35 PM Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead for Council to end the executive session. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Moon moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk